

## The HIV Epidemic

# and Orange County, FL Students

## What is the problem?

The 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among Orange County, FL high school students:

### **Sexual Risk Behaviors**

- 51% ever had sexual intercourse.
- 9% had first sexual intercourse before age 13 years.
- 17% had sexual intercourse with ≥ 4 people.
- 37% had sexual intercourse during the past three months.
- 36% did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 18% drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse. (1)

### What are the solutions?

Better health education • Healthier school environments

## What is the status?

The 2004 School Health Profiles indicates that among Orange County, FL middle/junior and senior high schools:

#### **Health Education**

- Among schools that required health education, 29% required students to take two or more health education courses.
- 55% taught all 10 critical HIV prevention topics in a required health education course.
- 100% taught abstinence as the most effective method to avoid HIV infection.
- 100% taught how HIV is transmitted.
- 59% taught how to correctly use a condom.
- 100% taught how to find valid information or services related to HIV or HIV testing.
- 87% had a lead health education teacher who received staff development on HIV prevention during the past two years.

#### **School Environment**

 65% had a written policy that protects the rights of students or staff with HIV infection or AIDS.

Among schools that had a written policy:

- 95% of the policies addressed procedures to protect HIV-infected students and staff from discrimination.
- 100% of the policies addressed maintainance of confidentiality for HIV-infected students and staff.
- 90% of the policies addressed adequate training for school staff about HIV infection.

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Where can I get more information? Visit <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth">www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth</a> or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).



